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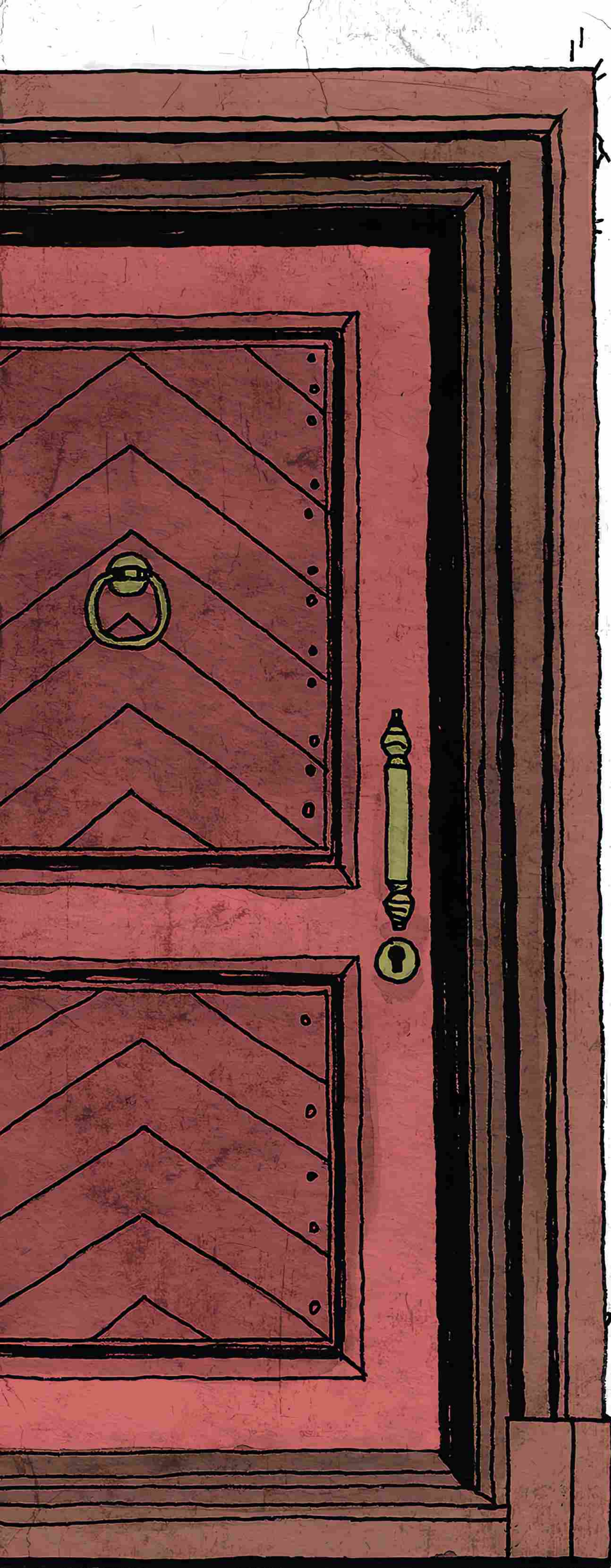
PERFECT.



EVERY WITCH
HAS THEIR PLACE,
HEINRICH--ON MY
MANTEL. BUT
DON'T WORRY.

YOUR NEW
NEIGHBOR
ARRIVES SOON...
AND SHE'LL BE
WEARING
RED.





*If your
NEED IS GREAT
and your
HOPE IS GONE,
there you will meet the...*

SCARLET WITCH

Wanda Maximoff has opened a witchcraft shop called Emporium, which, in addition to selling magical remedies, is also home to the Last Door, a portal that appears only to those with nowhere else to turn. Recently, Magneto's clone, Joseph, arrived at Emporium seemingly seeking redemption for his violent past. Wanda gave him a chance to earn it by helping her seek justice for her customers, but something still seems to be troubling him...

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**WEST NEW YORK,
NEW JERSEY.**

I COULD
HELP, WANDA. MAYBE
LIFT SOMETHING. ONE
THING. A SINGLE
THING.

YOUR SUPPORT
IS MORAL, DARCY.
AN ASTRAL CORPSE
HAS SURFACED--
HEINRICH VON
HATE.

HIS FLESH
WAS MISSING. A
DETECTIVE FRIEND,
ALICE GULLIVER...IT'S
HER CASE. I DON'T
WEEP...

...NOT FOR
NAZI WARLOCKS.
BUT ALICE EXPECTS MORE
KILLINGS. WITCHES MAY
NEED SHELTER.

LIKE HERE,
IN YOUR SANCTUM
SUBLET-UM?

THIS APARTMENT WAS MY
RETREAT FOR YEARS. IT
COULD PROTECT MANY.

MAYBE THEY
NEED A LANDLORD--
I'M WHIFFING THIS LOW
MYSTERIUM GIG.

YEAH,
SURE. IT WARPS
TIME SO IT WAS
ALWAYS HERE--TOWN
RECORDS BACK
THAT UP.

BUT IS IT
MAGIC? SCIENCE?
I'M NOWHERE NEAR
FIGURING OUT HOW TO
KEEP THIS STUFF FROM
SUPPRESSING YOUR
SPELLS.

YOU WILL,
DARCY. I SEE HOW
HARD YOU'RE
WORKING--NOT HERE,
ADMITTEDLY.

HEY! LOW
BLOW! I JUST
OFFERED TO LIFT
SOMETHING!

NO
NEED.

WAIT--IS THIS
LOTKILL?! YOU
MADE US TAKE THE
COMMUTER RAIL
DOWN THERE!

OF COURSE.
ONE RIDE BUILDS
CHARACTER...

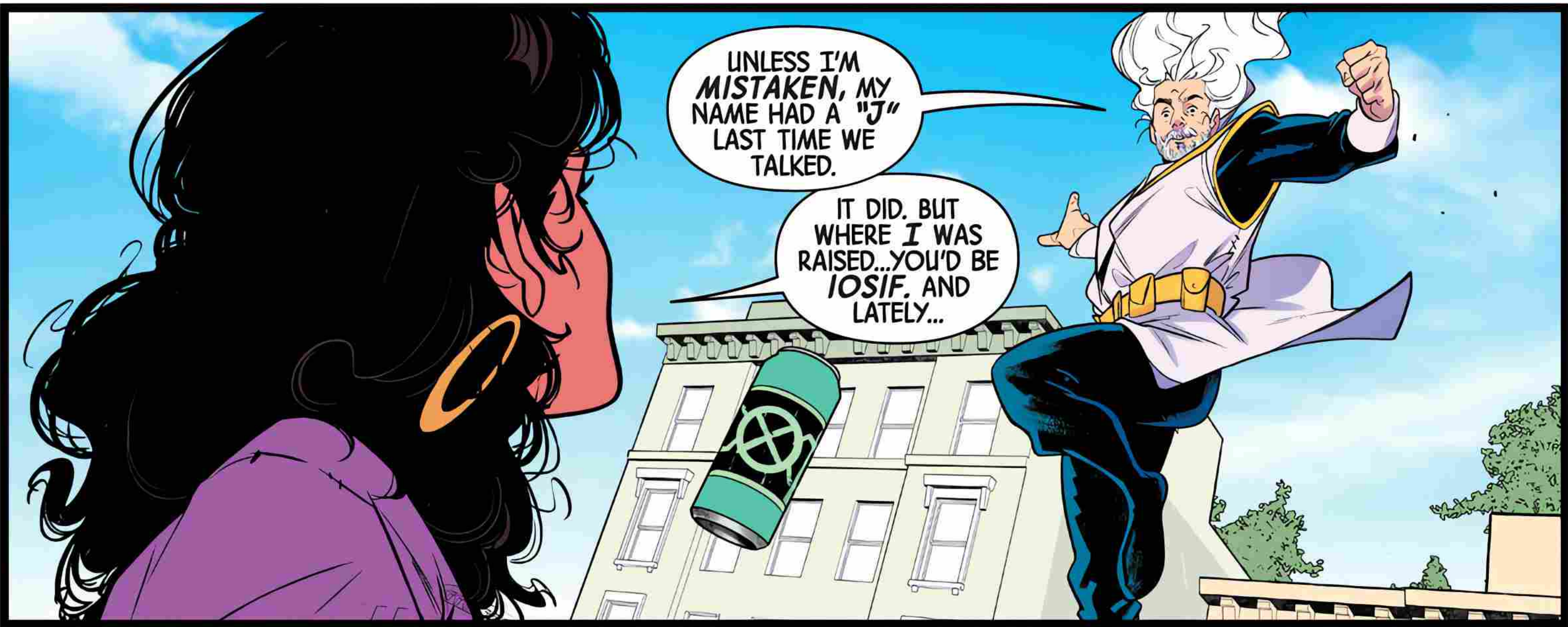


"...BUT I'M NOT A MONSTER."



SORRY I'M LATE. ANY WHISKEY IN THAT CUP?

NOT FOR ME, IOSIF. I'M STILL ON MY PU-ERH KICK.



UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, MY NAME HAD A "J" LAST TIME WE TALKED.

IT DID. BUT WHERE I WAS RAISED...YOU'D BE IOSIF. AND LATELY...



...I DON'T SEE MAGNETO WHEN I LOOK AT YOU. NOT COMPLETELY.

AFTER THESE PAST FEW WEEKS... I'VE STARTED TO SEE A BROTHER.



NEVER HAD ONE OF THOSE. OR A SISTER, FOR THAT MATTER.

WHAT DO THEY DO?



GET YOU INTO TROUBLE, MOSTLY.

AND YOU KNOW ME, I LOVE TROUBLE.

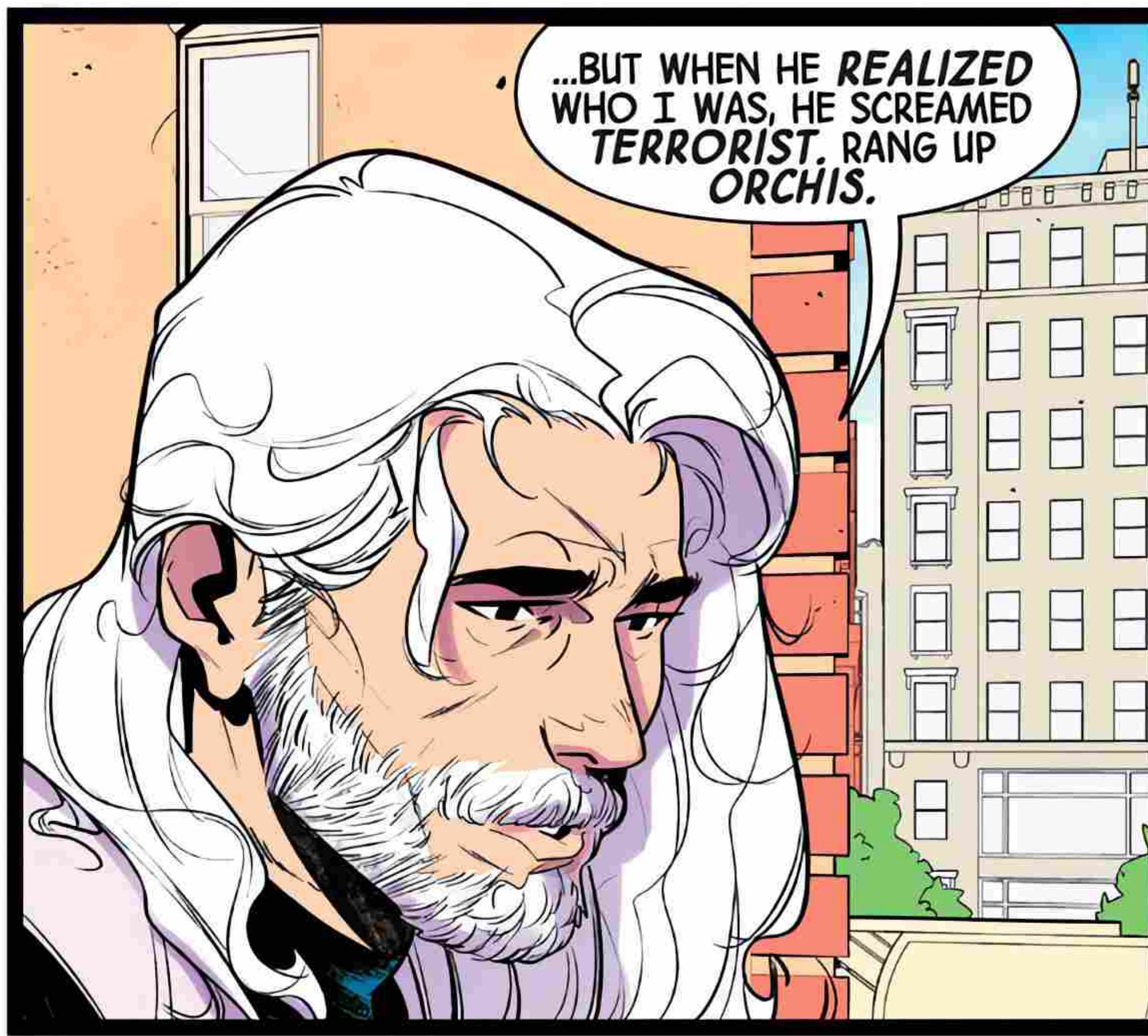


SO, LISTEN, WANDA...I'VE BEEN GOING OUT **ALONE**. NOTHING **BIG**, OF COURSE.

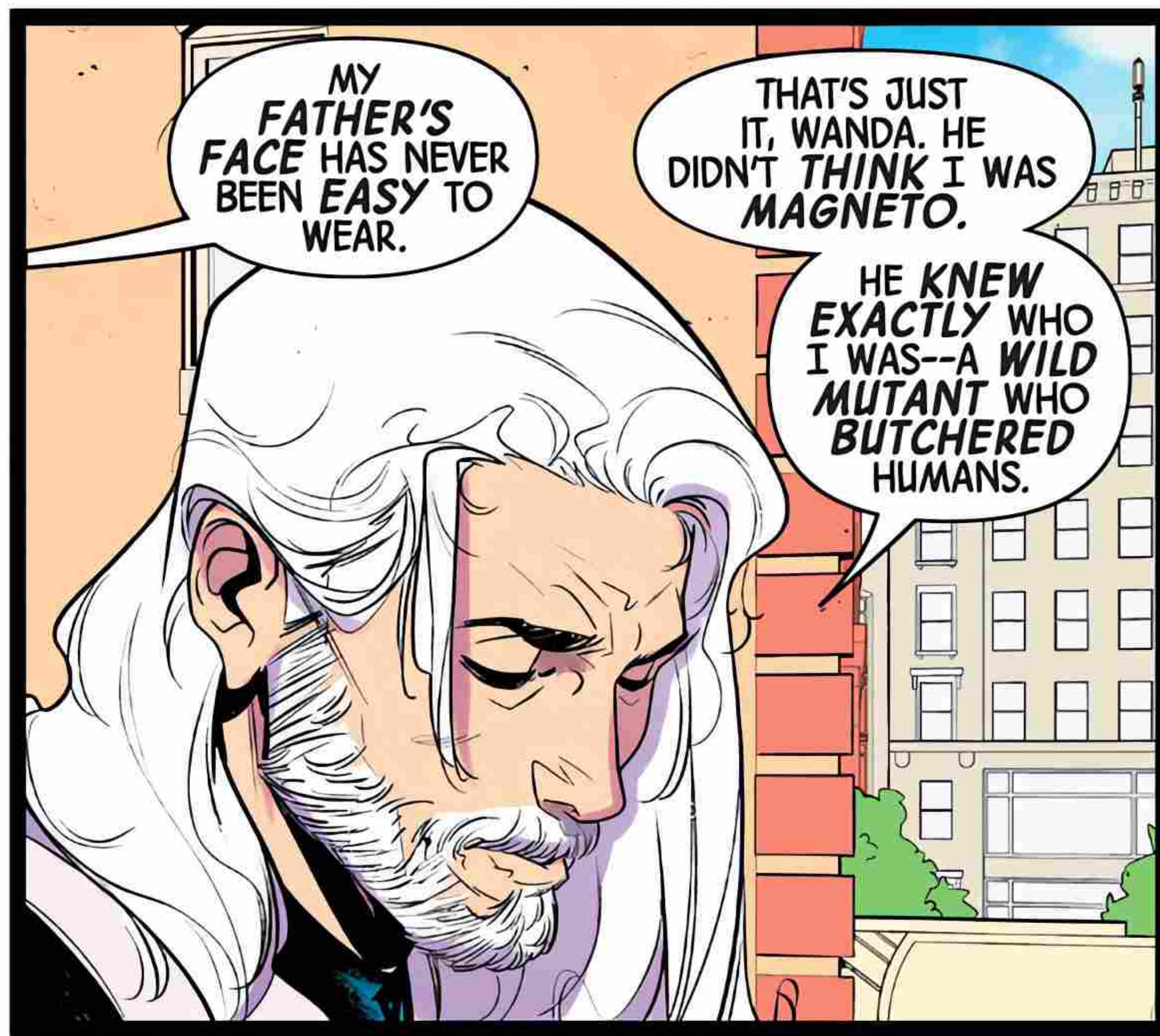
FOUGHT **DOCTOR SUN**. RAISED A **SHIPWRECK** OUT OF THE HUDSON. GAVE OUT FREE MRIs.

STOPPED A **CARJACKING**-- NOT TOO **HARD** WHEN YOU CAN MAKE THE **CAR** DEFEND ITSELF.

SAVED A **MAN'S WALLET**. HE **LIKED** SEEING HIS **COIN PURSE** BEAT THE **THIEF** ON THE **HEAD**...



...BUT WHEN HE **REALIZED** WHO I WAS, HE SCREAMED **TERRORIST**. RANG UP **ORCHIS**.



MY **FATHER'S** FACE HAS NEVER BEEN **EASY** TO WEAR.

THAT'S JUST IT, WANDA. HE DIDN'T **THINK** I WAS **MAGNETO**.

HE **KNEW** EXACTLY WHO I WAS--A **WILD** **MUTANT** WHO **BUTCHERED** HUMANS.



HUMAN **BIGOTS** WHO'D HAVE DONE THE **SAME** TO YOU, AND **ENJOYED** IT MORE.

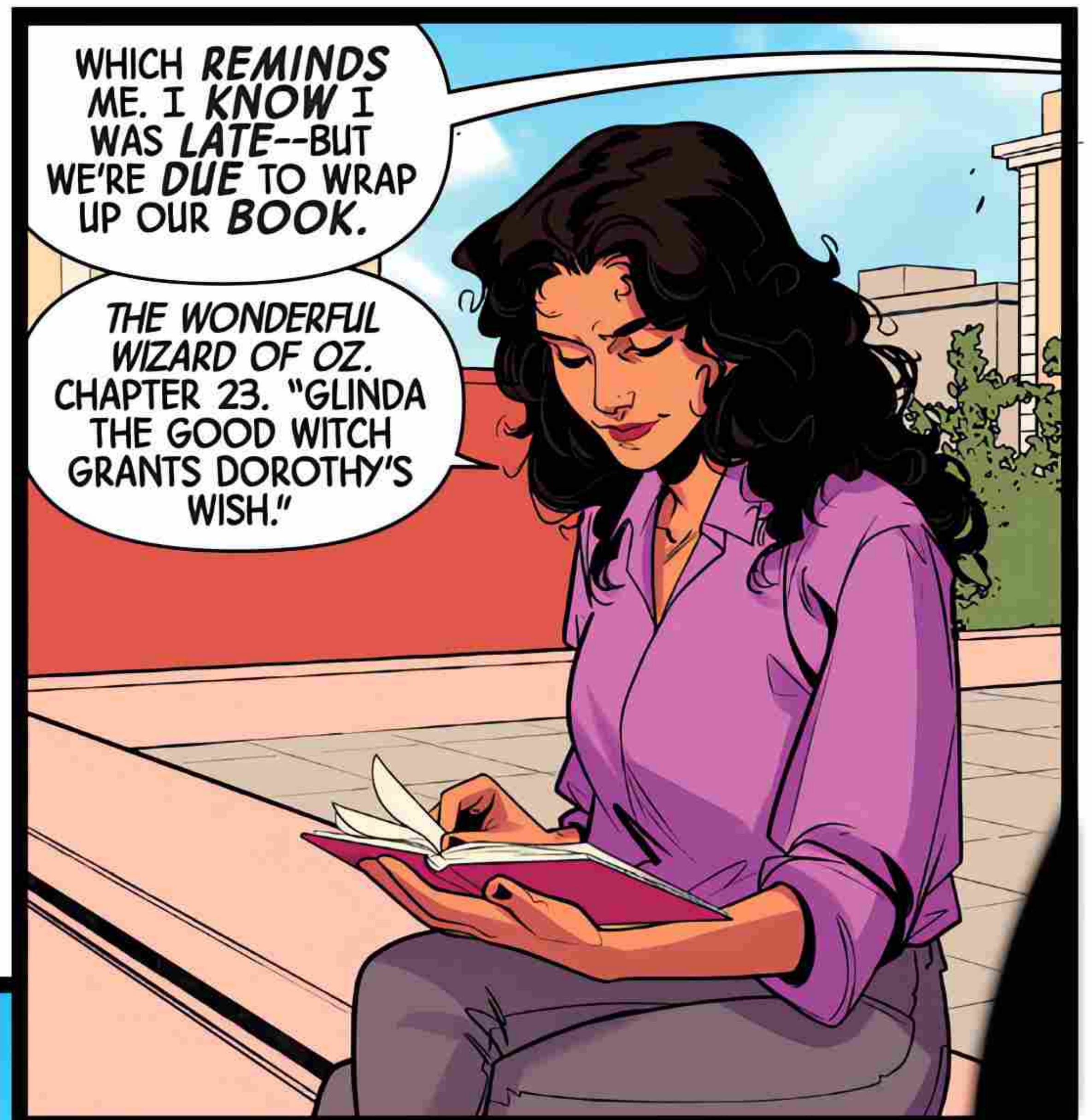
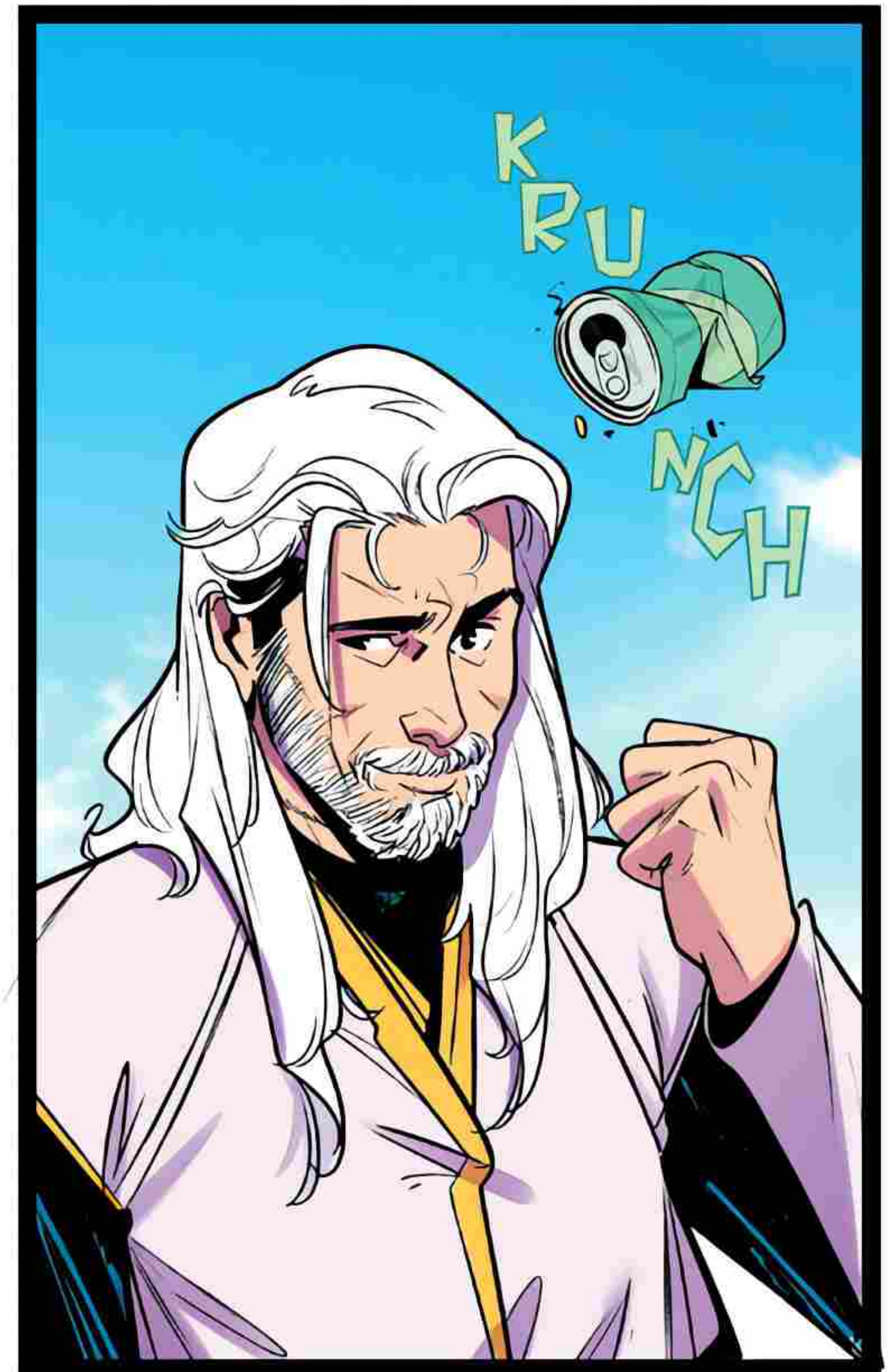
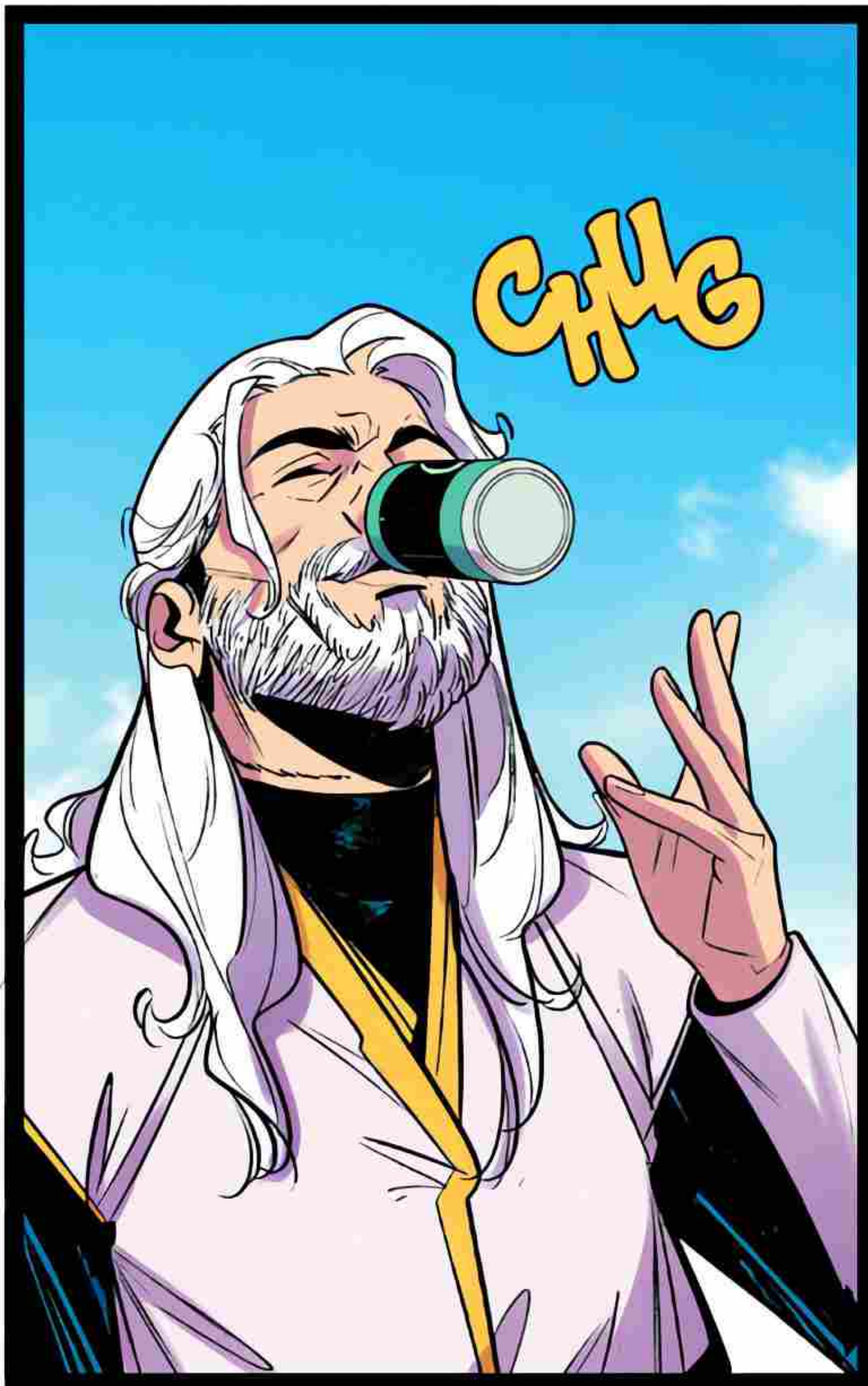
AND FOR ALL I KNOW, THE **WALLET** **MAN** WOULD'VE **CHEERED** IT ON. IT'S LIKE...

...AND I DIDN'T **WANT** TO **FRIGHTEN** PEOPLE, YOU KNOW? BUT **MAYBE** I WAS **WRONG**.



MAYBE THE **RIGHT** PEOPLE **SHOULD** BE **AFRAID**.

HEY...YOUR **CUP'S** **EMPTY**, **MADAM** **WITCH**.





WEDNESDAY.
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.
CLEANSING A MYTHICAL BIOHAZARD
WITH OMEGA AND HIS MOTHER.





I--I'M...NOT A BLOODTHIRSTY GOAT? THAT'S SUCH A RELIEF.

INDEED. IT SEEMS INTERPLANAR BILGE TAINTED YOUR WATER WITH SATYR SCAT--TERRIBLY INFECTIOUS.

BUT YOUR WATERLINES AND YOUR BODIES... HAVE NOW BEEN PURIFIED.



SUCH WISDOM, WITCH. I HOPE YOU BROUGHT ENOUGH TO SHARE WITH EVERYBODY.

THIS MAY SURPRISE YOU, BUT SPELLS AREN'T STICKS OF GUM.

I MUST AGGREGATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE. HOW ELSE CAN I BETTER PROTECT MY SON?



YOUR SON SEEMS CAPABLE OF PROTECTING HIMSELF.

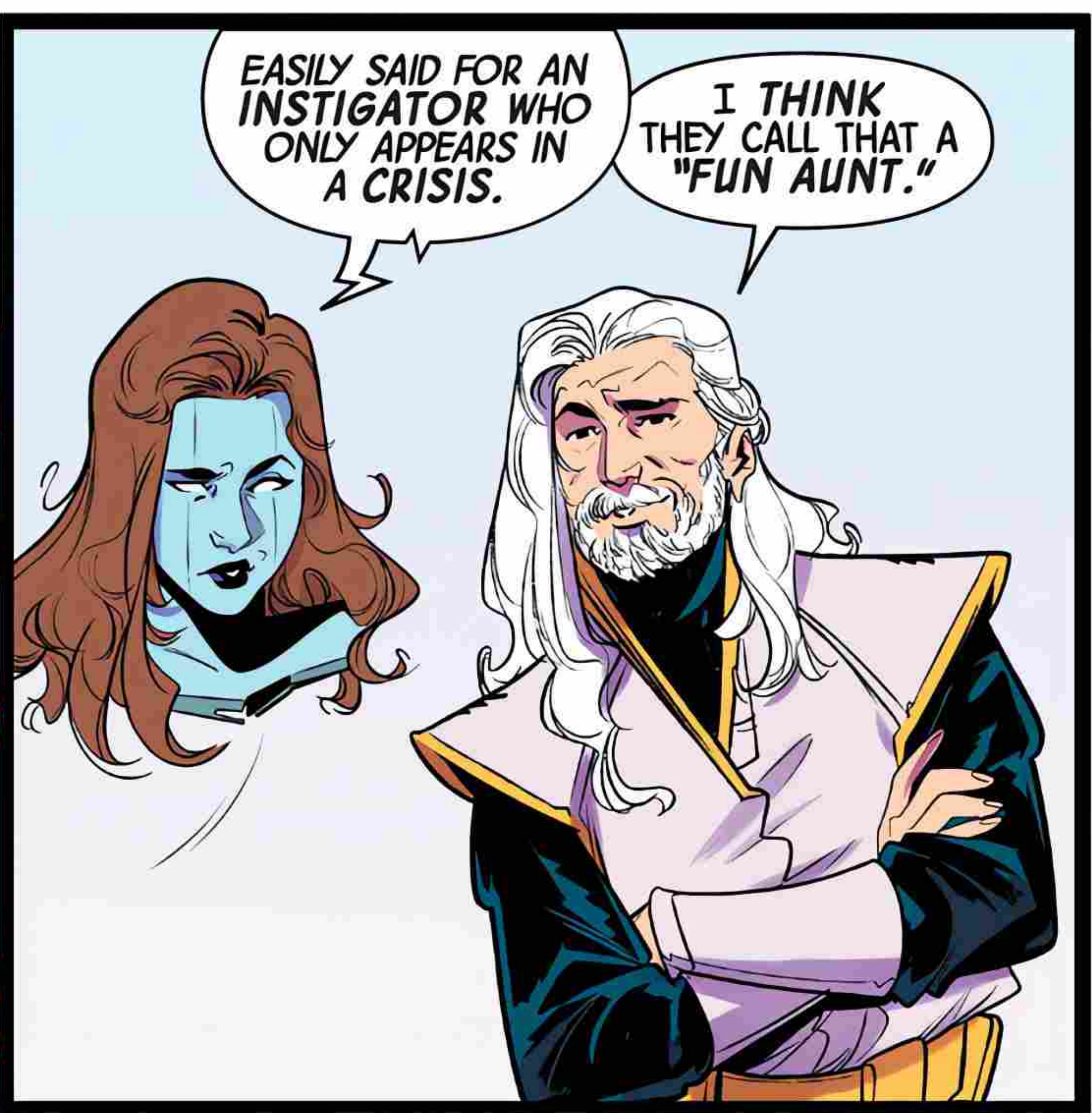
HE IS THE END OF A GREAT EXPERIMENT. THE OMEGA. I AM HIS DESIGNATED MOTHER HEAD.

IS MY JOB NOT TO WORRY?



OF COURSE. BUT ALSO TO LET GO. OMEGA'S CONNECTION TO THE BIOSPHERE IS PROFOUND.

THE DAY MAY COME WHEN HE CONTINUES HIS MISSION TO OBSERVE ALONE.



EASILY SAID FOR AN INSTIGATOR WHO ONLY APPEARS IN A CRISIS.

I THINK THEY CALL THAT A "FUN AUNT."

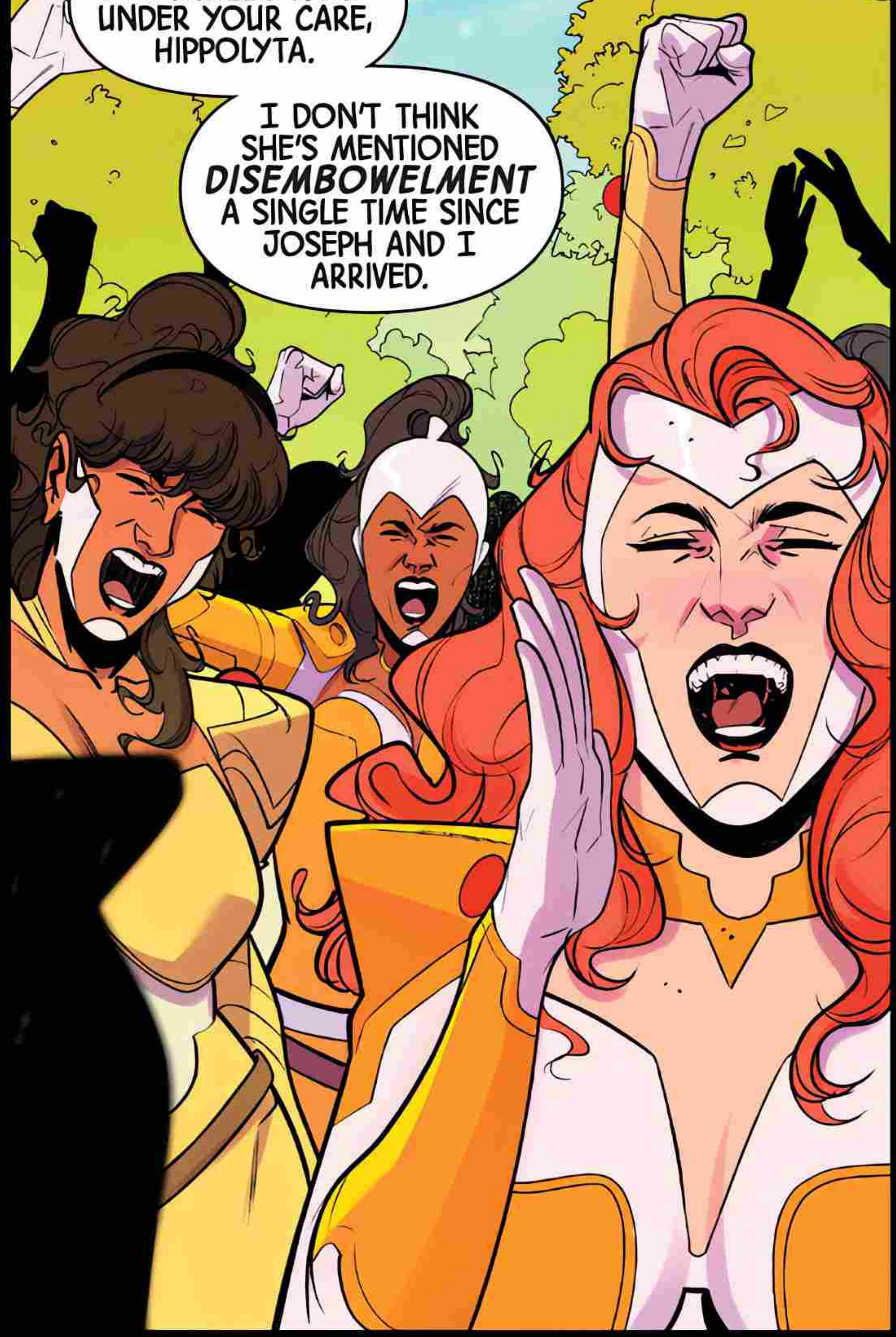
THURSDAY.
NEW AMAZONIA.
WAR GAMES WITH GANYMEDE
AND THE BACCHAE.

COME,
MAGNETICIAN!
BATTLE THE LAST OF THE
ARCHSISTERHOOD
IF YOU CAN!



GANYMEDE
HAS *MELLOWED*
UNDER YOUR CARE,
HIPPOLYTA.

I DON'T THINK
SHE'S MENTIONED
DISEMBOWELMENT
A SINGLE TIME SINCE
JOSEPH AND I
ARRIVED.



SHE *DOES* STILL JOURNAL
ABOUT IT. GANYMEDE'S
METAPHORS ARE *TORTURED*,
AND HER *CALLUSES* HAVE
YET TO FULLY COME IN.

BUT
SHE *HITS* HARD
ENOUGH.



YOU'RE SO
REASONABLE
WITHOUT YOUR
SCYTHIA HELM,
HIPPOLYTA.

THANK
YOU.

FRIDAY.
CITRUSVILLE, FLORIDA.
REPELLING SERPENTS WITH
KALE AND THE MAN-THING.

MAINTAIN
THE SIGILS, JENNIFER!
THEY'VE **NEARLY**
REACHED CRITICAL
MASS!

TELL THAT TO
THE **SERPENTINIONS!**
YOUR APPRENTICE PICKED A
KILLER TIME TO HOP INSIDE
THE **MAN-THING** FOR A
TRIAL BY FIRE--

HUUAAAEGH!

DON'T YOU *FEEL*
IT? THE **SIGILS** HAVE
FUSED! RELEASE
THE SPELLWAVE--

--NOW!

FRZ
AKK
ZZ
ZZ

HEY. I'M **JOSEPH**...
THANKS FOR
WATCHING MY **BACK**
OUT HERE.

JENNIFER KALE.
SORCERESS. MEDDLER--
ACTUALLY, MAKE THAT
IMPRESSED
MEDDLER.

THE **MAN-THING**
DOESN'T SPIT
MANY PEOPLE OUT
UNBURNED.

HIS **DREADSCAPE'S**
JUST WHAT I NEEDED--
I **HAD** TO FACE MY
FEARS. AND IT **DID** GET
WILD IN THERE...

...BUT MOST
NIGHTMARES
ARE JUST **TRUTHS**
YOU'RE TOO
SCARED TO
ACCEPT.

SATURDAY.
ARBOR CITY,
MARYLAND.
DISPELLING DEMONIC
POSSESSION WITH
LUNA MAXIMOFF.

WHAT'S YOUR
ANGLE, WITCH? ARBOR
CITY HAS BEEN **HADES**
INCORPORATED
PROPERTY FOR
AGES.

ITS
SO-CALLED
CITIZENS ARE **HUMAN**
SQUATTERS. WHAT
DO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILIAR CARE?

MY **NIECE** IS
NO FAMILIAR. BUT
WITH A GLANCE, SHE'S
QUITE FAMILIAR WITH
YOU...AND YOUR
DEALS.

IT'S TRUE--
MAYOR RISLING
SOLD **HADES INC.**
THE RIGHTS TO
ARBOR IN
PERPETUITY.

NO POINT
NEGOTIATING,
AUNT WANDA. THEY
CAN SAY WHAT THEY
WANT--IT'S ALL
BAD FAITH.

THE ONLY
THING I'M SEEING
ON THEM IS **PURE**
MISANTHROPY.

AND? WE NEED NOT
LIKE HUMANITY TO
DEFEND OUR **CLAIM--**
WE HAVE A
CONTRACT!

THAT YOU DO.
BUT THE **MAYOR** HAD NO
STANDING TO DAMN A CITY FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME.

SNAP

I'M
VOIDING YOUR
AGREEMENT.

THANK YOU
FOR THE **HELP,** LUNA.
ARBOR IS **FINALLY** BACK
IN THE HANDS OF ITS
CITIZENS.

CORPORATE
DEMONS ARE THE
WORST. I SWEAR, THEIR
AURAS WERE THE
EXACT COLOR OF
LOCKJAW'S--

--**TUNING**
FORK, I'M SURE.
AND SPEAKING OF
TROUBLING
AURAS...

"...WHERE DID YOUR FATHER GET TO?"

MY SISTER LOVES A STRAY, BUT I'VE NEVER KNOWN HER TO COLLECT TRASH.

YOU'RE REALLY LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME, AREN'T YOU?

NOT AT ALL. SOMETIMES I CAN BE CRUEL. YOU'RE A COPY, JOSEPH. PERHAPS A COPY OF A COPY.

I DON'T WANT TO COPY ANYONE, QUICKSILVER. I'M NOT MAGNETO.

NOR ARE YOU AN IMPROVEMENT. SO WHAT ARE YOU?

I ASK MYSELF THAT EVERY DAY. AND SOMEHOW, I DO IT WITHOUT BEING AN ASS--

HEY!

WHAT?!

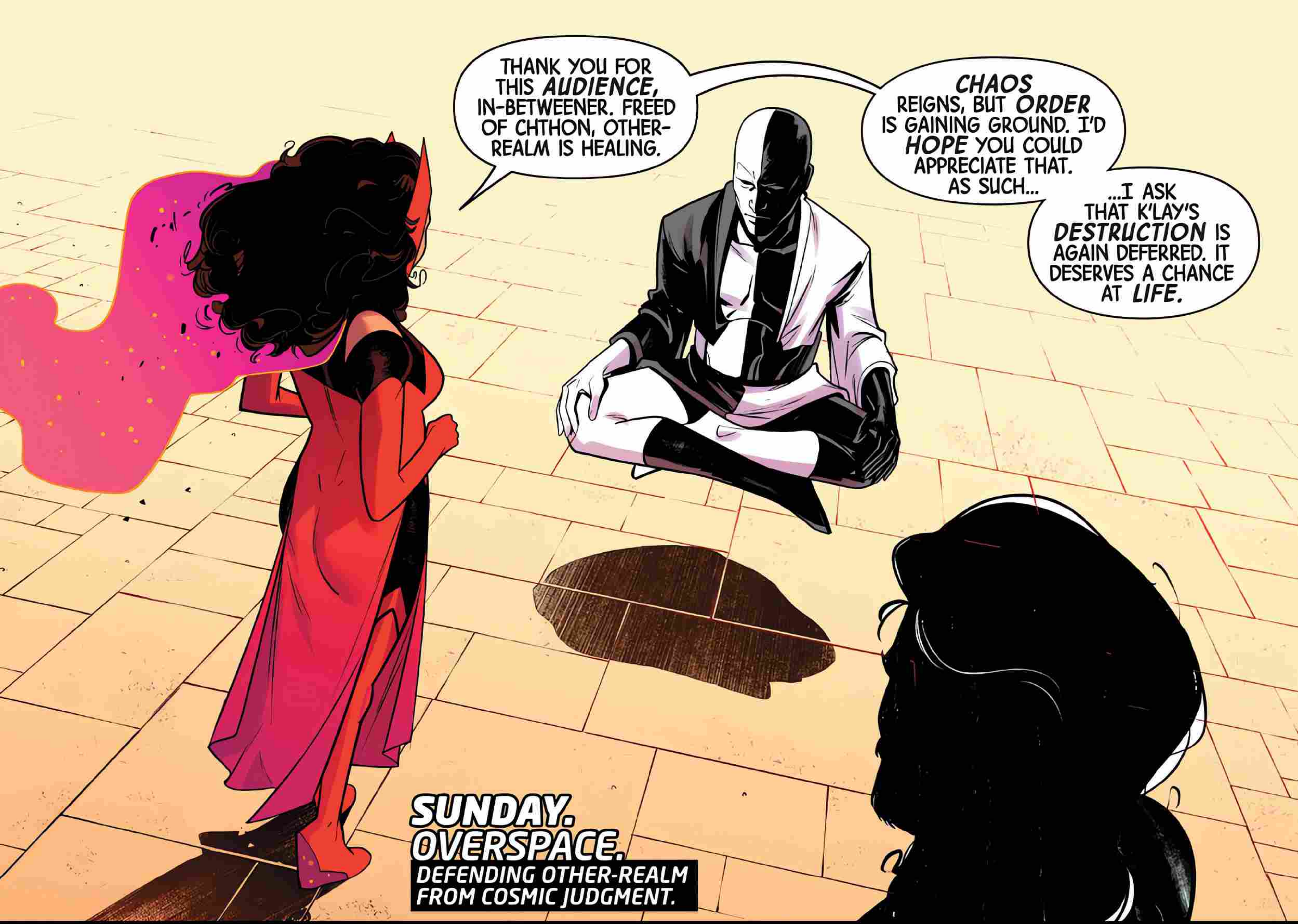
HADES SECURITY, PEOPLE!

MAYBE YOU NOTICED WE'RE TRYING TO PACIFY YOUR DISSIDENT MORTAL SOULS--

FZAKT
KRAK KRAK
FZAKT FZAKT
KRAK
BAM
POW
POP
WHAM

CABLES IN THE STREET. I COULD'VE DONE THAT.

YOU DIDN'T.



**SUNDAY.
OVERSPACE.**
DEFENDING OTHER-REALM
FROM COSMIC JUDGMENT.

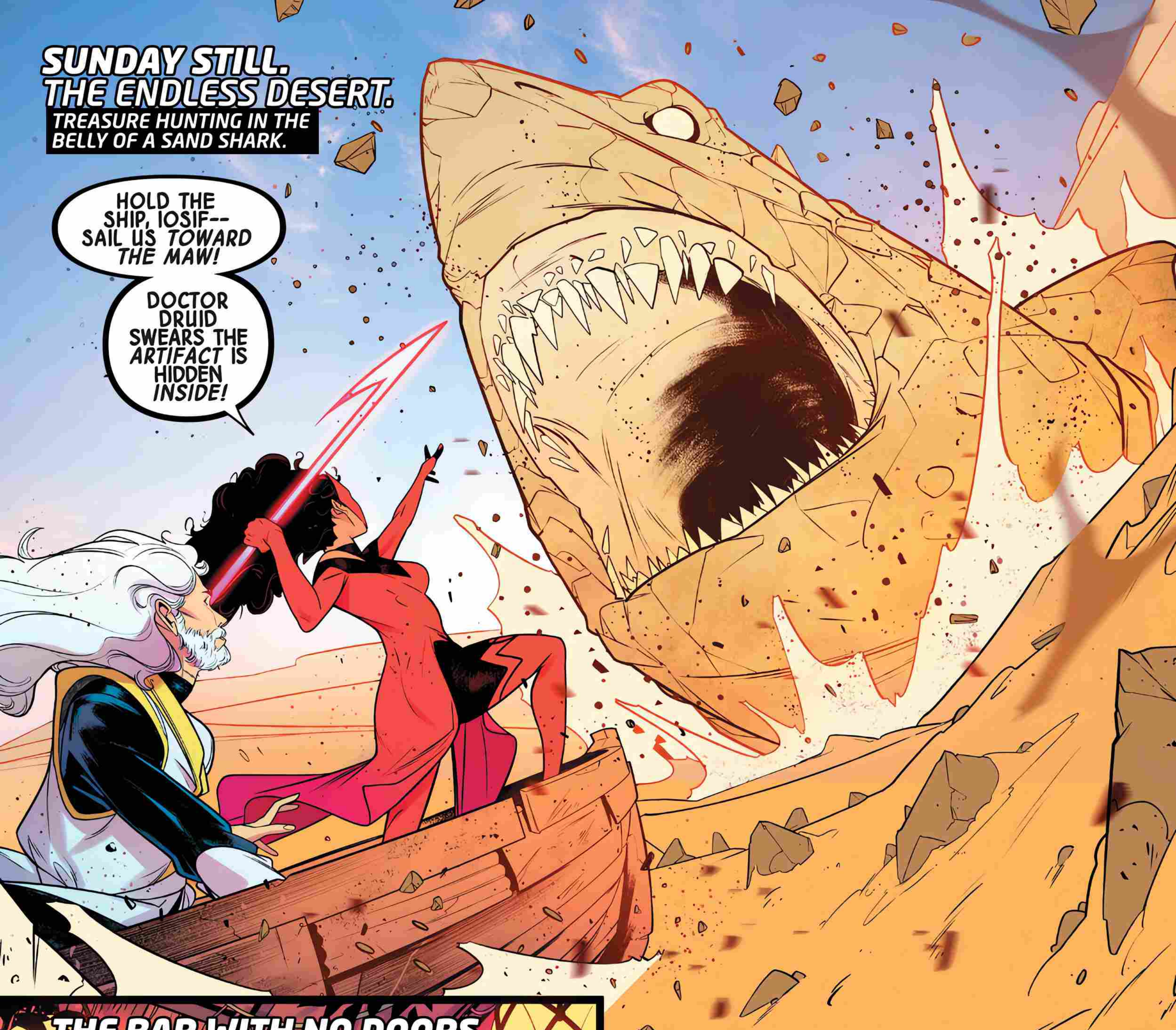


**ALSO SUNDAY.
EARTH-9811.**
A DISTRESS CALL FROM ANOTHER
REALITY WITH THE DAUGHTER OF
ROGUE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA.

**SUNDAY STILL.
THE ENDLESS DESERT.**
TREASURE HUNTING IN THE
BELLY OF A SAND SHARK.

HOLD THE
SHIP, IOSIF--
SAIL US TOWARD
THE MAW!

DOCTOR
DRUID
SWEARS THE
ARTIFACT IS
HIDDEN
INSIDE!



THE BAR WITH NO DOORS.
SETTLING A DEBT TO DOCTOR DRUID.

THIS IS A
WIZARD'S BAR,
WANDA. A PUPPY SEEMS
TO HAVE FOLLOWED
YOU IN.

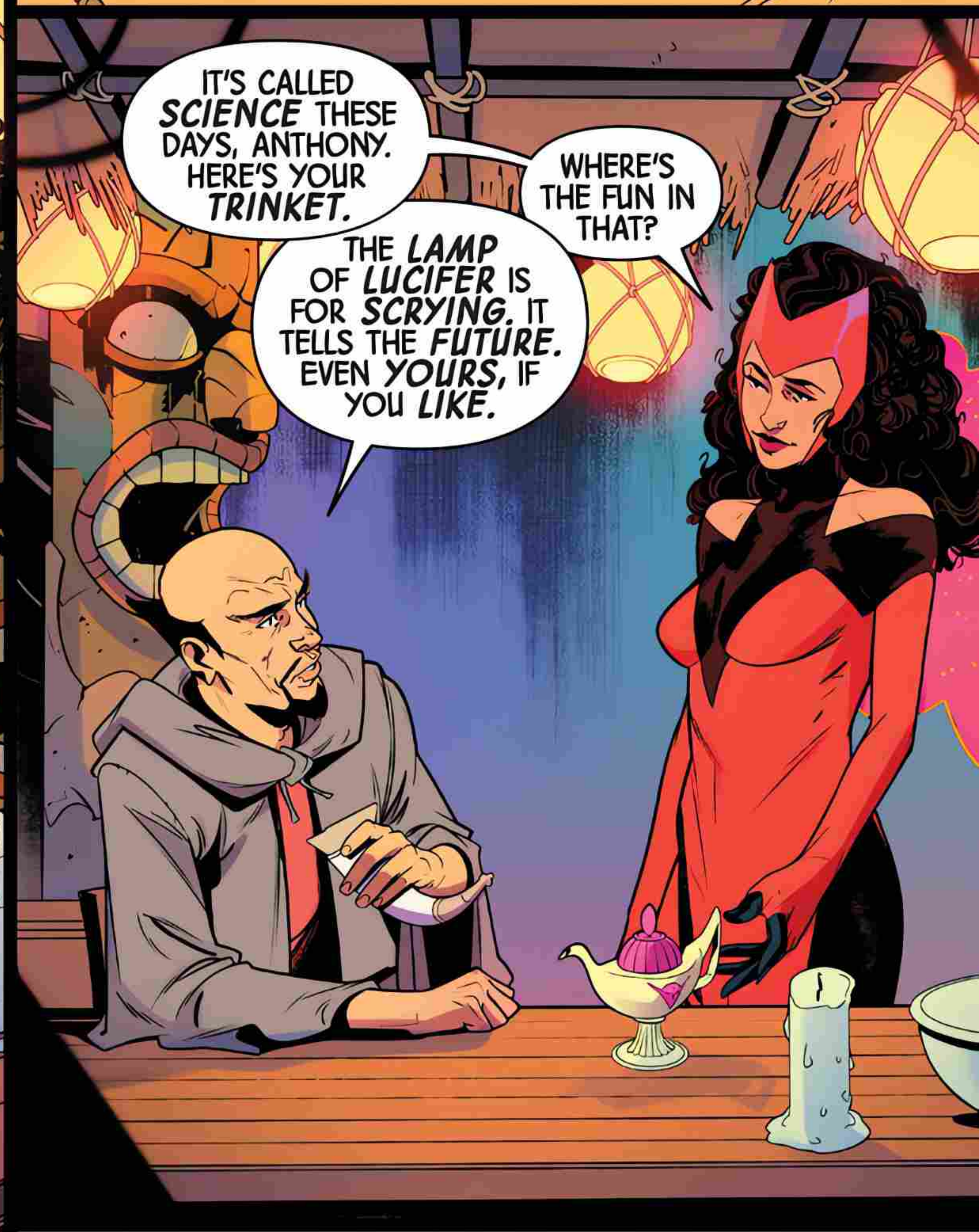
HE
STINKS OF
ALCHEMY.



IT'S CALLED
SCIENCE THESE
DAYS, ANTHONY.
HERE'S YOUR
TRINKET.

THE LAMP
OF LUCIFER IS
FOR SCRYING. IT
TELLS THE FUTURE.
EVEN YOURS, IF
YOU LIKE.

WHERE'S
THE FUN IN
THAT?



**MONDAY.
GRIZZLY CITY.
BENEATH SIBERIA.**
BROKERING PEACE BETWEEN
BEAR CULTS AT WAR.

YOU EXPECT
ME TO NEGOTIATE
WITH HIM? DUKE
KERMODE IS A
FANATIC!

QUITE THE
CLAIM FROM A
MANIAC LIKE YOU,
BRUINUS!

A CUB CAME
THROUGH MY LAST
DOOR. NOT A YEAR
OLD, HOPELESS,
AND SO SURE...

...THAT HIS
ONLY FUTURE WAS
WAR. FOR HIM, FOR
YOUR FACTIONS WHO
CRAVE PEACE...

...I EXPECT
YOU'LL COME TO
THE TABLE.

**MONDAY
AS WELL.**
A MYSTIC CRIME
SCENE WITH THE WU.

SEE WHY I
CALLED? ANOTHER
ASTRAL CORPSE,
WANDA. ANOTHER
MISSING BODY.

AND SOME
WEIRD
METAL.

IT'S
ANCIENT--
PRETTY EXOTIC
TO USE FOR
COMMON
BUCKSHOT.

ORICHALCUM.
MAGIC METAL. YOU
WERE RIGHT, ALICE...
SOMEONE'S HUNTING
WITCHES.

I'LL SPREAD
WORD ABOUT
YOUR SAFE HOUSE.
DON'T WORRY--
YOU'LL BE IN THE
LOOP.

TUESDAY.

MISS MAXIMOFF--
IS THAT ALL THE
GLASS JARS
CAN CONTAIN?
WEATHER
EFFECTS?

GOOD QUESTION,
MISS QUINTERO. NO--
THE **TERRARIUM**
CARCEREM CAN HOLD
ALL SORTS OF
THINGS.

STRANGE ACADEMY.
CO-TEACHING WITH DOCTOR VODOO.

ESPECIALLY
WHEN FILLED WITH
HEADMASTER
DRUMM'S...ENCHANTED
ATMOSPHERE.

WHY
SO MODEST,
PROFESSOR?
YOU'VE NEVER NEEDED
HELP TAMING
HURRICANES.

I SWEAR I'VE SEEN THOSE
BEFORE--I THINK WANDA
KEEPS **DEMONS** IN
THEM.

YOU CAN PUT
A LOT IN THERE...
SPELLS. SPIRITS...EXCUSES
TO TEACH WITH YOUR
EX. I'M **ZELMA**.

JOSEPH.
WANDA'S SHOWING
ME THE **ROPES**. YOU'RE
A **TEACHER** HERE?

LIBRARIAN WITH
A **STUBBORN** MAGIC
SENSITIVITY.

JUST MAGIC?
HOW ABOUT
CHEMISTRY? IT'S
ALMOST LIKE
WANDA'S
FLIRTING.

YEAH...

...SHE AND
DRUMM WERE
A **THING**. MIGHT
STILL BE--WITH THE
STRINGS CUT
AWAY.

WE'VE GOT
A **FACULTY**
POOL GOING
ON IT. YOU
WANT **IN?**

I'LL **PASS**,
THANKS.

SUIT
YOURSELF. HEY--
COULD YOU **GIVE** THIS
HAT TO WANDA'S
INTERN?

MAYBE
SHE'LL STOP
TEXTING
ME.

LOTKILL,
NEW YORK.

THERE
YOU ARE! I WAS
WORRIED THEY
GAVE WANDA
TENURE.

Emporium

GOOD
TO SEE YOU
TOO, DARCY.

AND HERE--
ZELMA SAYS
HELLO.

STANTON?
FINE, FINE--I'LL
TAKE IT. MAYBE
SHE'LL STOP
TEXTING ME.

YOU'RE
WEARING YOUR
WORK--ANYTHING
NEW ON THE LOW
MYSTERIUM?

NOT
NOTHING.
I TRACKED DOWN
THIS DUDE, LATE-
NIGHT-TV TYPE.
MANTOR.

MANTOR
THE **MAGICIAN**.
AN **ECCENTRIC**,
FOR SURE...BUT HE
DID HAVE HIS
RUN.

THESE DAYS,
HE'S AN **OCCULT
APPRAISER**. I SHOWED
HIM THE **ROCK**. HE
CALLED **BULL**.

DUDE SAID
IT'S **ARTIFICIAL**--
THAT'S WHY IT'S SO
UNSTABLE. BARELY
HOLDS TOGETHER
AT ALL.

EVEN THE **BEST**,
MOST DETAILED
MODEL OF A **TREE**
ISN'T A **TREE**,
YOU KNOW?

INTERESTING...
BUT YOU'LL **FORGIVE**
ME IF I DON'T TRUST THE
WORD OF A **PAWN-
BROKER**.

MAYBE I
SHOULD TAKE
ANOTHER LOOK
AT IT.



FAIR
ENOUGH,
JOE.

THANK YOU,
DARCY...**THANK**
YOU. I'M SORRY,
YOU KNOW.
REALLY. I...



...**I'M SORRY** I
COULDN'T **FIX**
THIS.

IT'S AN **OPEN DOOR**.
NOT A **TRANSACTION**.
LOOK AT ALL YOU'VE
DONE SINCE YOU
CAME HERE.

HOW **MANY**
NOW HEAR YOUR
NAME...



...AND **KNOW**
THAT THINGS
CAN BECOME
BETTER?



...YOU'RE **RIGHT**, WANDA.
YOU'RE **RIGHT**. I WAS
SLIPPING THERE FOR A
SECOND. AND IT
WAS...

WELL, IT WAS
TOO EASY. BUT
THE **SECOND'S**
PASSED.

THE
MYSTERY
ROCK'S BEEN
KILLING ME
THOUGH.



AND I...I
COULD DO MORE--
TAKE IT APART BIT BY
BIT AND SEE HOW IT
BLOCKS SPELLS.

IF ONLY
I **HAD** THAT
OPTION. IT'S A
WEAPON AGAINST
YOU, WANDA. AND
I WISH, SO
BADLY...

...I WISH
I COULD
DEFUSE
IT...

...INSTEAD
OF **USING**
IT.



USING IT?
IOSIF...

...WHAT ARE
YOU **TALKING**
ABOUT?



DON'T
CALL ME **IOSIF**,
WANDA. I **HAVEN'T**
EARNED IT.

EVEN IF
I **WANTED**
TO.



SO **LOWER**
THE BLADE. **TALK**
TO ME. **EXPLAIN**
YOURSELF.

BUT **DO NOT**
MISTAKE MY **TRUST** FOR
FOOLISHNESS.



I WOULDN'T
DARE, WANDA.
NOT FOR A
SECOND.

YOU GAVE ME
EVERYTHING I
NEEDED...EXCEPT
WHAT **SHE** COULD
TAKE AWAY.





...THAN
OVER YOUR
GRAVE.

**NEXT:
HEXFINDER'S HATE!**

SCARLET LETTERS

Hello, SCARLET WITCH team!!!

I just want to say I've been really enjoying this new series. Wanda is one of my favorite Marvel heroes, and I'm so glad she's getting the recognition she deserves! You guys are doing such a good job, and I can't wait for whatever comes next. Seeing Wanda go on these fantastic adventures all the time is just so, so great. Wanda interacting with familiar faces is always awesome too! Keep up the great work, you guys!

Jacob Bell

I couldn't be happier to hear this, Jacob! Thank you for writing in--thank you from me and the entire creative team. There'll certainly be some familiar faces coming up in Wanda's life, people who folks have been asking for for quite some time. And it looks like we've finally found the right place to bring them in! So stay tuned, and thank you so much, once again, for your support.

Scarlet Witch was never a comic character I was drawn to--that all has changed. Incredible work. I am in awe of the fresh and innovative character design. The comic is so approachable. It feels unique and original, yet some elements are so familiar.

I think it would be interesting to put the Scarlet Witch in positions where she has the power to help, but help would do more harm than good. For example, what the Prime Directive is all about in Star Trek. Sure, an advanced species could help solve a lot of problems for a less advanced species, but would it actually cause more harm? Is it altering growth through trial and error? I can see the same struggles with Wanda's omnipotent powers.

Love the story so far, and keep up the good work.

Blaise Lewis
Portland, Oregon

You've made my millennium, Blaise! Thank you so much for writing in (and that comes from me and everyone in creative and editorial--which, honestly, is all

creative). We're, of course, happy to be bringing together not just Wanda's long-term fans but also folks finding a way into her world for the first time. If there's a goal to comics storytelling, that's the goal--so thank you! I completely agree that challenging Wanda's power can mean more than the physical. It can mean the social, the emotional, the political. And it's in those moments that we see who Wanda really is--how she views the world, what she prioritizes. Somewhere out there, Jeff Goldblum is restating his "'would' versus 'should'" line, and that's something that weighs on Wanda's mind a lot. After all, some Spider-Guy said great power comes with great responsibility. So with power as great as Wanda's, the weight of responsibility's even heavier. When she acts, all creation notices! And that's a lot to run through your mind before unleashing your phenomenal cosmic power.

Hello, SCARLET WITCH team!

I just wanted to say how great it was seeing Wiccan and Hulkling in this series. Wanda is an icon in the queer community, and her sons are fan favorites as well.

As a queer person, it meant so much when Wanda said her sons were up for the task. It's often a worry whether our families will accept our relationships, so it means so much to see Wanda fully embracing Teddy as one of her sons as well.

I hope to see more Wiccan and Hulkling with Wanda. Thank you so much for this series. I so look forward to it coming in the mail each month. Can't wait to see what comes from the Magneto reveal. Hope to see the entire Scarlet Witch family united soon!

Ryan H.
He/Him
Columbus, OH

We loved having Wiccan and Hulkling come through, Ryan! And I'm very happy Wanda's interaction with Billy and Teddy connected with you beyond the flash and wonder

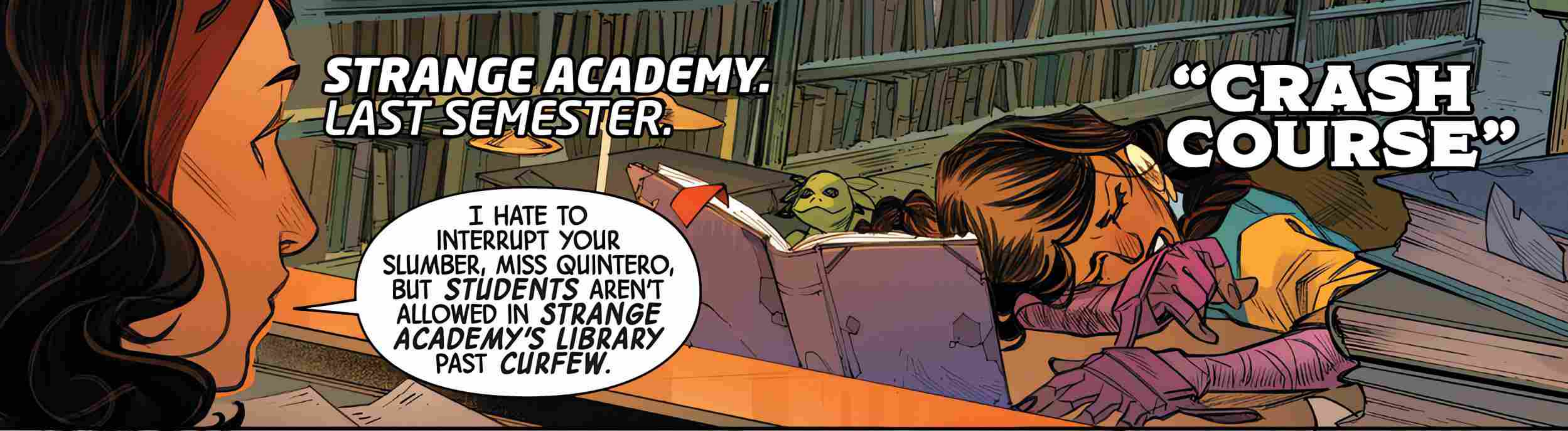
of a cosmic adventure. Every word here is chosen with purpose, so it's no accident Wanda calls Wiccan and Hulkling her sons--but with a wonderfully wild, blended family like her own, how could she even feel any different? Wanda, maybe more than even any other Marvel hero, knows that family is who you choose, not what's in your DNA.

Hi! I want to say that Wanda is BY FAR one of my favorite characters in Marvel! I have absolutely loved watching her grow as a person--her character development is huge and beautiful! I'm loving the new solo comic--she deserves it. I can't wait to see more of her in the future--there is truly much more to be discovered in her character. I see great potential in her, and I definitely think she is incredibly powerful and, in the future, may become one of the most powerful Marvel characters we've seen. Anyway, back to the solo comic--I adore the style and the sort of lightness it has to it. It's lovely how it shows more of Wanda as a person, and we see her happy (finally) and not suffering. This is definitely one of my favorite comics of hers so far.

Cheers,
Alex

Thank you, Alex! You're speaking our language, all of us. Strength comes from overcoming obstacles, from overcoming pain--that's true in a physical and scientific sense, but in an emotional and social sense as well. Wanda has absolutely suffered in the past--but, like you, we felt it was time for us all to turn the page. She hasn't simply dismissed her mistakes--she's fought to make amends. And now she's ready to pay that forward. Her power, in a magical and statistical sense, is, of course, massive. But it's how she moves through the world, what she does, who she helps and how she uses or does not use her own power that makes her who she truly is as a hero.

Steve Orlando



**STRANGE ACADEMY.
LAST SEMESTER.**

**"CRASH
COURSE"**

I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR SLUMBER, MISS QUINTERO, BUT **STUDENTS** AREN'T ALLOWED IN **STRANGE ACADEMY'S LIBRARY** PAST **CURFEW**.



SORRY, MS. MAXIMOFF. IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, AND I WANTED TO STUDY A LITTLE MORE BEFORE I RETURN TO L.A. TOMORROW.

WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED THIS IS HOW **EVA QUINTERO**, ONE OF MY HARDEST WORKING PUPILS, CHOOSES TO SPEND HER LAST DAY?

BY THE WAY, YOU STOPPED BY MY OFFICE EARLIER?

JUAN PONCE WRITER
IG GUARA ARTIST
TRÍONA FARRELL COLOR ARTIST
VC's CORY PETIT LETTERER



YEAH, I WAS HOPING YOU'D LOOK OVER SOME SPELLS WITH ME, BUT--!



WHERE DID YOU GET THAT BOOK?!

THE BOOKSHELF PROTECTED BY A **BARRIER SPELL**?

IT--IT WAS ON YOUR BOOKSHELF!

THAT BARRIER SPELL WASN'T REALLY THAT STR--

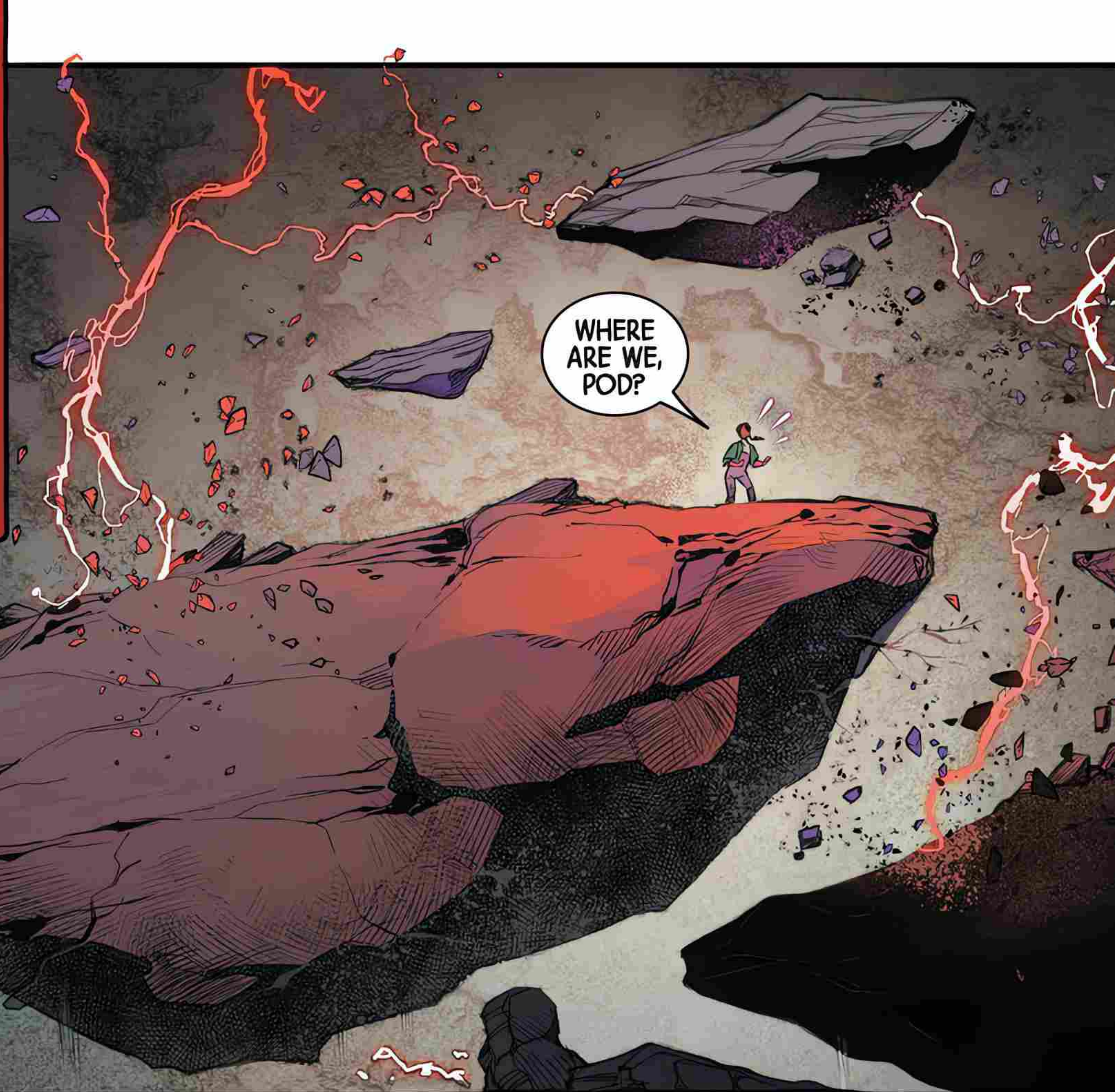
NEVER MIND THAT! **GET AWAY FROM IT, EVA!**



MISS MAXIMOFF!



HUH?



WHERE ARE WE, POD?



SOMEWHERE VERY BAD, CHILD.

THE BOOK CAPTURED YOU AS WELL, MISS MAXIMOFF?



WHAT YOU ARE WITNESSING IS MY ASTRAL FORM. MY PHYSICAL STATE IS STILL IN THE LIBRARY.



YOU'RE INSIDE A PRISON REALM, EVA. DON'T WASTE YOUR ENERGY TRYING TO CREATE A PORTAL BACK TO OUR WORLD.

THE BOOK THAT CAPTURED YOU CONTAINS A **POWERFUL** DEMON NAMED ELOS.



"I WAS THE ONE WHO SEALED HIM AWAY. MEANING, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET YOU OUT. BUT I'M GOING TO NEED SOME TIME."

"EVA, QUICKLY SEEK SHELTER AND KEEP OUT OF VIEW--!"



OR THE
BIG BAD WOLF
WILL FIND
YOU!

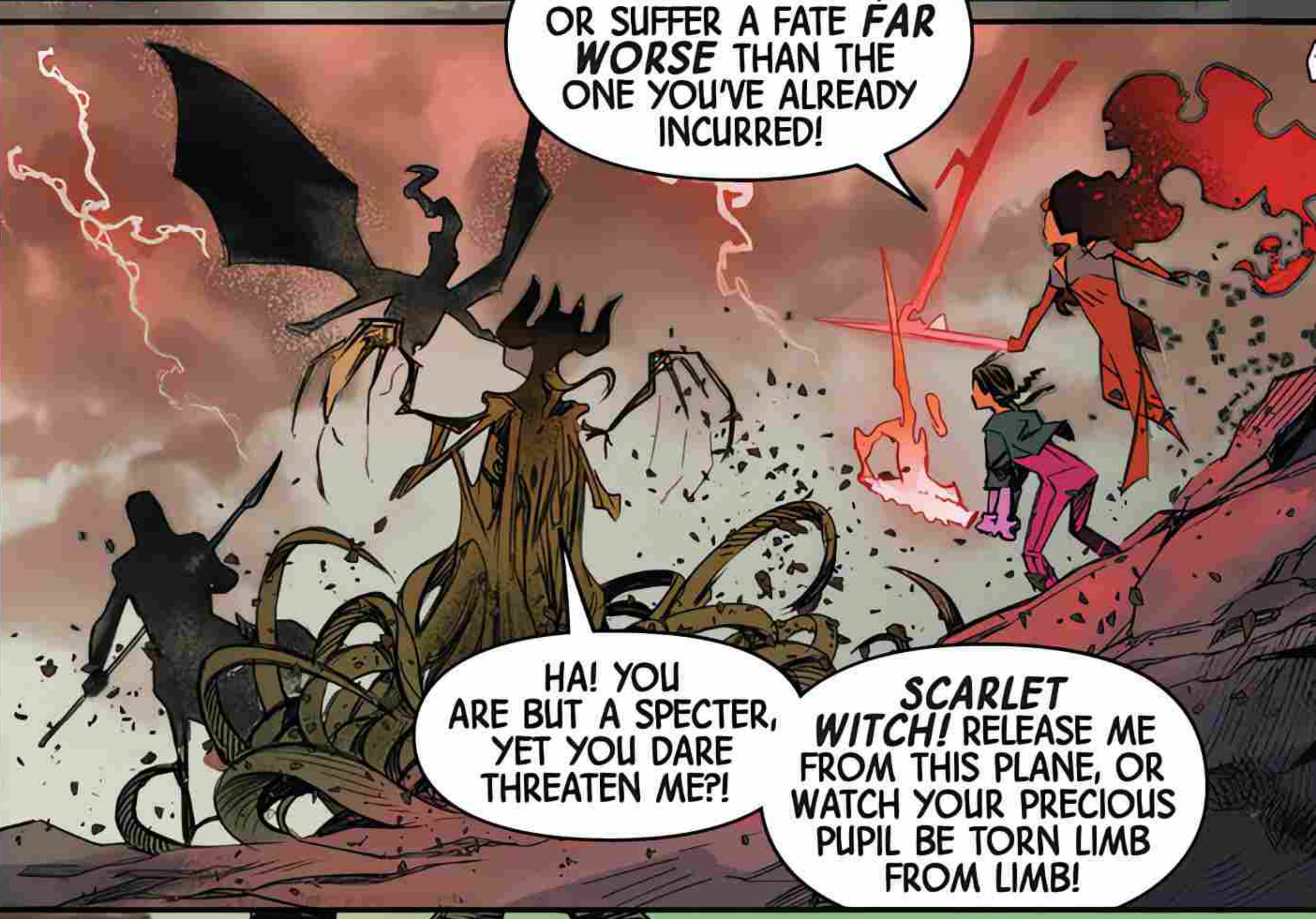
ELOS!

THERE'S
NOWHERE
TO
RUN, **CHILD**. STAY
WHERE YOU ARE
AND **KNEEL**.



FOLLOW
MY LEAD.

YES--
YES, OF
COURSE!



ELOS, STAY
AWAY FROM HER,
OR SUFFER A FATE **FAR
WORSE** THAN THE
ONE YOU'VE ALREADY
INCURRED!

HA! YOU
ARE BUT A SPECTER,
YET YOU DARE
THREATEN ME?!

**SCARLET
WITCH!** RELEASE ME
FROM THIS PLANE, OR
WATCH YOUR PRECIOUS
PUPIL BE TORN LIMB
FROM LIMB!



EVA...?

ONE'S
PERCEPTION DOESN'T
ALWAYS EQUATE WITH
REALITY, **CHILD**!



AAIIIEEE!

**COMMON
MAGICAL MANIFESTATIONS,
SMALL PORTALS AND WEAK
ENERGY EXPULSIONS. I CAN
SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU,
LITTLE WITCH.**

THOUGH I
MUST ADMIT...
**THAT NECKLACE
OF YOURS...**



GRAAWR!

TELEPORTATION
PORTAL!

VERMIN!



HEAR ME NOW,
LITTLE WITCH! I WILL
GRANT YOU *THIRTY*
SECONDS TO
RETURN!

EEEP!

REMAIN IN
HIDING AND
YOUR GREEN PET
WILL *PAINFULLY*
CEASE TO EXIST!



I'M
ALMOST
THERE, JUST
STAY HIDDEN
A LITTLE
LONGER.

I CAN'T
DO THAT.



HE'S NOT
THE FIRST, AND HE
WON'T BE THE LAST TO
TRY TO HURT SOMEONE
LIKE ME, RIGHT,
MISS MAXIMOFF?

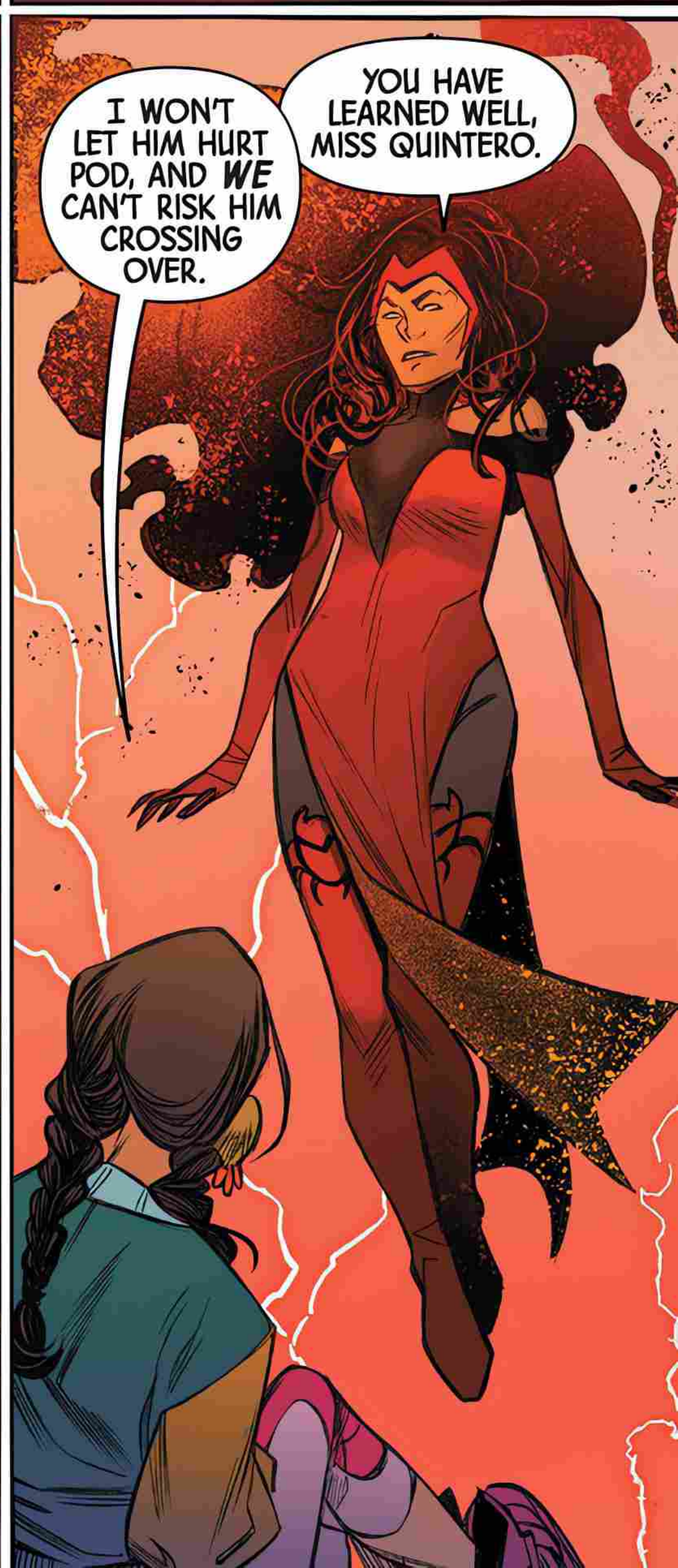
NO. BUT
I CAN SEE
THE FEAR IN
YOUR EYES,
EVA.



I AM
AFRAID. YET ISN'T
THIS WHY YOU'VE ALL
BEEN TEACHING US
HOW TO HARNESS
OUR STRENGTH?

FOR
MOMENTS
LIKE *THIS*.

I KNOW FOR
CERTAIN THAT'S
WHY I PUSH MYSELF
EVERY DAY AT THE
ACADEMY.



I WON'T
LET HIM HURT
POD, AND *WE*
CAN'T RISK HIM
CROSSING
OVER.

YOU HAVE
LEARNED WELL,
MISS QUINTERO.



THERE
YOU ARE. TAKE
YOUR WORTHLESS
PET!

I'M SO
SORRY, POD, I'LL
HEAL YOU RIGHT
NOW.

I'VE READ
ABOUT YOU,
ELOS!

HAVE
YOU NOW?

THUD



I'M AWARE OF THE MANY
SORCERERS YOU'VE KILLED
THROUGHOUT DIFFERENT
DIMENSIONS.

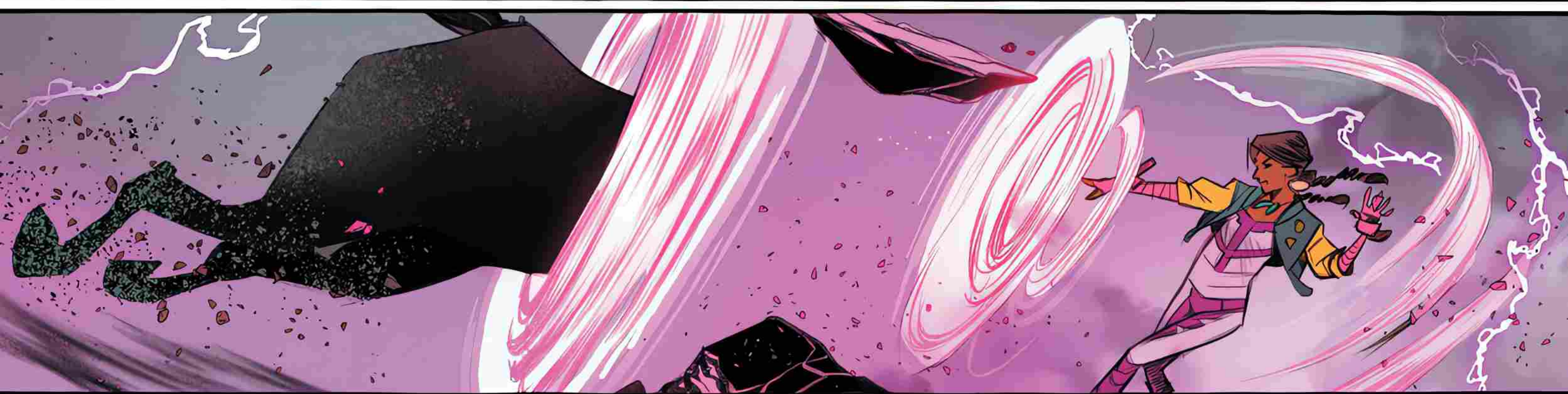
YOU MURDERED TO STEAL
MAGICAL ESSENCE. THAT IS,
UNTIL YOU RAN INTO MY
MENTOR, **THE SCARLET
WITCH!**

NOW YOU'VE
COME ACROSS
ME, MEANING
TODAY...

**WE
WILL DEFEAT
YOU!**



ATTACK!



PRAAF

PRAAF



I AM
FINISHED
TOYING WITH
YOU, GIRL!

KRAA

KOON



¡DESPIERTA
TODO TU
PODER!

IMPOSSIBLE...

ROAR!

AAAAHH!

DIE!!!





WELCOME
BACK, EVA.



NEXT TIME, ASK
BEFORE TAKING
A BOOK FROM MY
ENCHANTED
BOOKSHELF.

SORRY ABOUT
THAT. *BUT* WHO
KEEPS A BOOK LIKE
THAT ONE ON
ANY SHELF?!

IT WAS
PROTECTED
BY A BARRIER
SPELL!

AGAIN, A
WEAK BARRIER
SPELL!



...THANK YOU,
MISS MAXIMOFF.

GOOD
JOB, MISS
QUINTERO.

THE END.

Wanda,
If you survive this...
I just wanted to say thank
you. And I'm sorry.

-Joseph

NEXT:
SCARLET WITCH #10
FIGHT TO THE DEATH!

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Send letters to
MHEROES@MARVEL.COM
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